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REMARKS

The election/restriction requirement dated April 8, 2008 holds that this application has two patentably distinct inventions. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct inventions for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I - Claims 1-23

Group II - Claims 24-27

Group III - Claims 28-31

In response, Applicant hereby elects the Group I without traverse. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-23.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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